



Application No. 10/055,434

The Examiner argues that Applicants must elect a single disclosed group for prosecution on the merits. In this regard, the following election is made without waiver, estoppel and without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected Groups:

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-14 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if such would advance prosecution of this Application in any way.

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